

## CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES



### INVESTMENT POLICY

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this document is to identify policies and procedures, which enhance opportunities for prudent and systematic investment of City funds, and to organize and formalize investment-related activities.

Activities, which comprise good cash management, include accurate cash projections, expeditious collection and deposit of revenue, control of disbursements, cost-effective banking relations and a short-term borrowing program, which coordinates cash requirements and investment opportunity.

#### **STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY**

This policy shall cover all funds and investments under the direct authority of the City of Rolling Hills Estates.

The primary objective of the City's investment function shall be safety, since the safeguarding of City assets is of paramount importance. Most investments will be highly liquid with maturities selected to anticipate cash needs and avoid the need for forced liquidations. Yield shall be a consideration only after the basic requirements of safety and liquidity have been met.

The City shall strive to achieve a market-average rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles. Available cash balances are consolidated for maximum investment. Investment earnings are allocated based on average monthly cash balances. Authorized investment mechanisms for the City of Rolling Hills Estates, in accordance with the California Government Code, shall include the following:

- \* LAIF (Sec. 16429.1)
- \* Savings Passbook (53632)
- \* Treasury Issues (53601 b)
- \* Certificates of Deposit (53635)

More detailed descriptions of these vehicles are in the Appendix.

Collateral, as necessary in excess of federally insured limits or as applicable, shall be maintained as specified by the Government Code. All purchased securities shall be physically delivered to a safekeeping account at Bank of America Nationsbank, N.A.

Except as otherwise restricted by the Government Code, the City shall strive to maintain no more than 90% of excess funds in any one-investment mechanism. However, when LAIF yields exceed those of other allowable investment vehicles, the City is permitted to maintain up to 100% of excess funds in LAIF. A maximum of 25% of the total investment portfolio may be invested for a period exceeding five years.

All participants in the investment process shall act as custodians of the public trust. The investment program shall be managed with a degree of professionalism that is worthy of the public trust. The City Treasurer shall be responsible for the management and investment of excess funds. However, all purchases or sales shall require signatures of two City officials, at least one being the City Manager or Assistant City Manager.

Investments shall be disclosed in a schedule of cash and investment report, which is presented to the City Manager and City Council, as part of monthly financial statements. This report shall include the type of investment, a description of the investment, issuer, date of maturity, par and dollar amount invested on all securities, investments and monies held by the City. Also, included shall be the market value of the investment and the source of market value, a statement of compliance with the investment policy established by City Council, and a statement denoting the City's ability to meet all expenditure requirements for the next six months.

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### APPENDIX OF DESCRIPTIONS OF INVESTMENT MECHANISMS

**1. LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF)** is a special fund of the State Treasury which local agencies may use to deposit excess funds. There is no minimum investment period and the minimum investment is \$5,000 with a maximum of \$40 million per agency. Funds are available on a same day basis with no loss of interest. Interest is distributed quarterly, based on the agency's proportionate share of deposits and length of deposit. (16429.1)

**2. U.S. TREASURY ISSUES (T-BILLS, NOTES, BONDS)** are direct obligations of the U.S. Government. Maturities range from 13 to 52 weeks for T-Bills, 1 to 10 years for Notes and 10 to 30 years for T-Bonds. They are highly liquid and considered the safest investment security. (53601 b)

**3. CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (CDs)** are investments for inactive funds issued by banks, savings and loans and credit unions. Investments of \$250,000 are insured by the following respective insurance agencies (FDIC, FSLIC and NCUFIC). Deposits can be from 14 days to several years. Deposits exceeding \$250,000 can be collateralized with government securities. (53635)